CLASP

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SIXTEEN HOURS AFTER THE TITANS WERE SPOTTED

Episode 37: Southwestward

CLANK CLANK CLANK

WHAT SHOULD WE DO...

...

Krolva District

Yarckel District

Current Location

Stohess District

Ehrmich District

Destination

Trost District

EVEN IF WE GO WITH EREN TO THE DAMAGED SPOT... I CAN'T IMAGINE IT GOING WELL...

WHAT OPTIONS... DO WE EVEN HAVE LEFT TO US...?

TO THINK THAT ROSE WOULD SUDDENLY BE BREACHED ...

AND...

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WHY... ARE WE TAKING A WALLIST PRIEST WITH US?

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CLANK CLANK CLANK CLANK

...

RIGHT?

OH... NICK AND I ARE BUDDIES!

BUT HE KEPT IT A SECRET UNTIL NOW.

HE KNEW THERE WERE TITANS INSIDE THE WALLS.

THEIR CHURCH KNOWS SOME SORT OF SECRET ABOUT THE WALLS.

IT SEEMS HE'S SERIOUS ABOUT DYING BEFORE HE'LL SPILL ANY MORE. STILL...

I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT-

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AGH —

STUMBLE

CALM DOWN... YOU'RE STILL TIRED FROM TRANS-FORMING ...

WHAT THE HELL ?!

JERK

HUH ?!

HE WANTS TO SEE IF HE CAN STAY TRUE TO HIS PRINCIPLES AND KEEP SILENT EVEN AFTER SEEING HOW THINGS REALLY ARE.

SINCE THE SITUA-TION'S DIFFER-ENT NOW...

BUT HE CHOSE TO COME WITH US.

WE COULD HAVE ASKED SOME OTHER BELIEVERS ...

AND THEN HE'S GOING TO ASK HIMSELF...

HE'S SAYS HE'S GOING TO JUDGE WITH HIS OWN EYES...

HOW COULD ANYTHING BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN KEEPING HUMANITY FROM BEING WIPED OUT?

IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU KNOW, PLEASE, JUST TELL US...

WAIT, WAIT...

BUT THAT'S... RIDICU-LOUS.

BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, PERHAPS ...

THE MINISTER LOOKS LIKE A RIGHTEOUS MAN OF GOOD JUDGMENT...

I WONDER ...

...THAN THE EXTINC-TION OF HUMAN-ITY...

THERE REALLY IS SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT TO HIM...

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THERE ARE A LOT OF WAYS TO ASK A QUESTION ...

KACHI

BUT I WONDER ABOUT THE OTHER BELIEVERS ...

HARD TO IMAGINE THOSE BASTARDS HAVE ALL GOT THE SAME KIND OF WILL-POWER.

WELL... I GUESS **HE'S** GOT SOME GUTS.

I MAY NOT BE OF MUCH USE RIGHT NOW... BUT I CAN AT LEAST KEEP AN EYE ON ONE MINISTER.

I...WOULD SINCERELY LIKE TO AVOID SEEING A HOLE THOUGHTLESSLY BLOWN THROUGH SOMEONE'S BODY. I BELIEVE WE BOTH DO.

I DIDN'T THINK YOU HAD ANY HOBBIES SO DREARY AS PLAYING WITH ROCKS.

?

BUT NEVER MIND THAT... HANGE?

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THIS IS A FRAGMENT OF THE FEMALE TITAN'S HARDENED SKIN THAT SHE LEFT BEHIND.

THIS ISN'T JUST A ROCK...

WELL ...

YOU'RE RIGHT.

THAT'S RIGHT!

IT'S STILL HERE ?!

WHAT ?!

WH...

...

WELL, JUST LOOK!

AND IT'S NOT DISAP-PEAR-ING.

IT'S NOT EVAPO-RAT-ING...

EVEN AFTER ANNIE TURNED BACK INTO A HUMAN AND WAS DETACHED FROM HER TITAN BODY...

AND WHEN I COMPARED IT TO A FRAGMENT OF THE **WALL,** THE TWO WERE VERY SIMILAR, DOWN TO THEIR PHYSICAL STRUCTURES.

SQUAD LEADER! PLEASE HURRY!

...!

IT GAVE ME AN IDEA...

IN OTHER WORDS, THE CENTRAL PILLARS OF THAT WALL WERE COLOSSUS TITANS, AND ITS SURFACE WAS MADE UP OF THEIR HARDENED SKIN.

THEN ...!

T...

AH...!

IT'S REALLY... EXACTLY AS ARMIN SAID.

AS THINGS STAND, IT'S GOING TO BE VERY DIFFICULT TO SEAL THE DESTROYED SECTION OF WALL ROSE...

...?

AS LONG AS THERE ISN'T A CONVENIENTLY-SIZED BOULDER TO STOP UP THE HOLE, THAT IS...

HOLD IT!

PFT ...?!

LET ME SAY IT, ARMIN!

SQUAT

EREN TRANSFORMED INTO A TITAN...

WHAT IF...

BUT,

TO SEAL THE HOLE IN THE WALL?

AND USED THE TITANS' HARDENING ABILITIES ...

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...!!

...

IF YOU CAN LEAVE BEHIND YOUR PETRIFIED TITAN'S BODY WITHOUT IT EVAPORATING AFTER YOU TURN HUMAN, THEN JUST MAYBE ...

THE MATERIAL IT'S MADE OF SHOULD BE THE SAME...

USE **ME...** TO SEAL THE WALL...?!

...

THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT...

OF COURSE, THAT'S ONLY IF SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS EVEN POSSIBLE.

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THEN THERE'S HOPE FOR RETAKING WALL MARIA, TOO.

AND IF HE CAN DO IT MORE THAN ONCE ...

I THINK IT'S DEFI- NITELY A GAMBLE WORTH TAKING...

NOT ONLY THAT, THE NUMBERS SHOWED THAT IT WOULD TAKE AROUND TWENTY YEARS TO COMPLETE REPAIRS.

WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE PERSONNEL AND LOGISTICS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THAT KIND OF A MISSION... WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ESTABLISH SUPPLY SITES OUTSIDE THE WALLS...

UNTIL NOW, REPAIRING A WALL HAS ALWAYS MEANT TRANSPORTING HUGE AMOUNTS OF BUILDING MATERIALS.

WITH JUST A SMALL SQUAD, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET STRAIGHT TO WALL MARIA.

I SEE ...

AND I THINK WE COULD EVEN HEAD STRAIGHT FOR SHIGAN- SHINA DISTRICT, AT TOP SPEED!

BUT TAKE AWAY THE NEED FOR WAGON ESCORTS ...

HOW ABOUT EXECUTING A NIGHT OPERATION OUTSIDE THE WALLS?

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NIGHT, WHEN THE TITANS CAN'T MOVE!

YES!

AT... NIGHT ...?

...WE MIGHT MAKE IT TO WALL MARIA BY DAWN!

EVEN AT A SLOWER PACE... WITH A SMALLER GROUP...

WE CAN'T GET THERE AT FULL SPEED ON HORSES BY TORCHLIGHT ALONE, BUT...

I GUESS WE CAN STILL FIND HOPE, HUH?

EVEN IN MOMENTS OF THE DEEPEST DESPAIR ...

...

ALL OF THIS ...

YES... BUT-

DEPENDS ON WHETHER OR NOT EREN CAN SEAL THE HOLE.

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO IT?

...I KNOW THAT COMING UP WITH AN ANSWER FOR THIS IS HARD, BUT...

UH...

CLATA

...!

THE QUESTION'S NOT WHETHER HE THINKS HE CAN DO IT...

CLATA CLATA CLATA CLATA

YOU HAVE TO DO IT.

DO IT...

YES, SIR!

SO YOU HAVE TO SUCCEED.

...

THERE'S NOTHING THE MILITARY CAN DO BUT FLAIL DESPER-ATELY...

LOOK AT US.

I WILL SEAL THAT HOLE!

I HAVE TO...

...

IF SHE COULD DO IT...

THERE'S NO REASON I CAN'T USE IT TOO.

THAT ABILITY ANNIE USED...

WE'LL GO TO THE BASEMENT.

AND ONCE WE'VE REPAIRED WALL MARIA...

FIRST... WE'LL GO PLUG WALL ROSE...

UGH... I'M SICK OF NOT KNOWING WHAT'S GOING ON...

CLATA CLATA CLATA CLATA CLATA CLATA

MAYBE IT'LL EVEN TELL ME WHERE HE WENT...

IF EVERYTHING HE SAID WAS THERE IS REALLY THERE...

DOWN THERE...

SHOULD BE...

ALL THE ANSWERS...

I'LL KNOW EXACTLY WHO TO POINT ALL THIS ANGER AT...

AND THEN I'LL KNOW...

WE'RE ALMOST TO EHRMICH DISTRICT.

AH...

JUST KEEP WRACKING YOUR BRAIN TOGETHER WITH HANGE.

UNDER-STAND, ARMIN?

Y... YES, SIR!

ERWIN HAS DECIDED ALL OF YOU WILL MAKE UP AN IMPROVISED TEAM.

SO THIS IS IT FOR THE MINISTER AND ME... I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU.

...

OF COURSE.

YES, SIR!

...!

MIKASA... USE ALL YOUR SKILLS TO PROTECT EREN!

...

I...DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE SO ATTACHED TO EREN...

...?

DON'T MESS UP AGAIN.

BUT CONTROL YOURSELF.

-CLANK-

-CLANK-

CLANK

-CLANK-

-CLANK-

-CLANK-

OF COURSE.

...YES, SIR.

EHRMICH DISTRICT

T... THIS IS...

THUD

YOU'LL GET US LEFT BEHIND...

HEY... KEEP MOVING.

THE WALL'S BEEN BREACHED ...

...WHAT ELSE DID YOU THINK WAS GOING TO HAPPEN...?

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WHAT'RE YOU THINKING ...?

HEY.

AH ...!

SWSH

WAAAH...

MOMMY...!

DADDY...!

THEY MAY BE GRIPPED WITH FEAR AND INSECURITY RIGHT NOW, BUT...

DIRECT YOUR PIOUS GAZE TO THE LOOKS ON THE FACES OF THESE FOLKS WHO'VE LOST THEIR HOMES...

THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE YOU AND YOUR FOLLOWERS WANT TO SEND TO THEIR DEATHS...

IS IT A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THE DELUSIONS YOU SPREAD IN YOUR CHURCH?

THIS ISN'T WHAT THEIR FACES WILL LOOK LIKE IN THE END. IN THE END, THEY'LL ALL BE THE SAME.

IF YOU PEOPLE GET WHAT YOU WANT, AND TITANS POUR THROUGH THE WALLS...

AND ALL OF HUMANITY WILL BE **ONE FLOCK**.

THEY'LL BE INSIDE A TITAN'S PUTRID MOUTH, EXPERIENCING THE WORST TORTURE KNOWN TO HUMANITY AS THEY DIE.

EREN, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN RIDE?

YEAH...MY STRENGTH IS COMING BACK.

HERE ON OUT IS TITAN TERRITORY.

HURRY.

...

THERE'S A HORSE READY FOR YOU AT THE WEST LIFT.

ONE SECOND, MOBLIT...

SQUAD LEADER, WE HAVE TO GO.

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HAVE YOU...

...CHANGED YOUR MIND?

ARE YOU GOING TO TALK, OR ARE YOU GOING TO STAY SILENT? TELL ME, PLEASE!!

DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT?!

THERE'S NO TIME LEFT!!

THE OTHER FOLLOWERS FEEL THE SAME. THEY WILL NOT CHANGE THEIR MINDS.

I CANNOT SPEAK.

THE BURDEN WE CARRY IS JUST TOO HEAVY...

IT WOULD SIMPLY BE TOO BIG A DECISION FOR ONE MAN TO MAKE.

IT...

YOU TELLING ME THAT SURE IS A BIG HELP!!

WELL, THANKS A LOT!!

ENTRUSTING THE SECRET OF THE WALLS TO A SINGLE BLOODLINE.

AS THE AGES PASSED, WE CREATED FOR OURSELVES A FIRM COVENANT...

...

HOWEVER... I CAN TELL YOU THE NAME OF THE ONE WHO CAN.

WE CAN'T SPEAK.

YES...

...

...JUST TO PROTECT YOUR CHURCH AND YOUR-SELVES?

SO... YOU'LL SHOVE THE RESPONSIBILITY ONTO SOMEONE ELSE...

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THE CHILD ...

WAS CAUGHT UP IN A CONFLICT IN THE BLOOD-LINE THREE YEARS AGO...

AND IS IN HIDING, UNDER A FALSE NAME.

SHE STILL HAS NO IDEA, BUT...

SHE KNOWS THE SECRET OF THE WALL, AND POSSESSES THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE TO SPEAK IT IN PUBLIC.

I HEARD THAT SHE ENTERED THE SURVEY CORPS THIS YEAR.

!

HER NAME IS...

...

...?

WHAT ...?

H... HER?

WHAT ...?

THOUGH WHETHER TO SPEAK THOSE TRUTHS WOULD BE UP TO HER.

SHE SHOULD BE ABLE TO LEARN EVEN TRUTHS THAT WE COULD NEVER ACQUIRE.

BRING HER HERE.

SHE'S IN THE 104TH... WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT SHE'S ON THE FRONT LINES RIGHT NOW...

THAT GIRL ...

I LEAVE THE REST IN YOUR HANDS.

THIS IS THE MOST I CAN CON-CEDE.

WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE BATTLEFIELD NOW!

LET'S GO!

TAK TAK

SHE'S THE SMALLEST GIRL IN OUR YEAR!

I STILL DON'T KNOW THE NAMES OF EVERYONE IN THE 104TH...

WAIT!

WHAT ...?

IT'S THE GIRL WHO'S ALWAYS WITH YMIR.

ALSO... SHE'S CUTE!

SHE HAS LONG BLONDE HAIR, AND... UM...

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YMIR?

SEVEN HOURS AFTER THE TITANS WERE SPOTTED

WEST TEAM

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

CLOP

...

ALL RIGHT ...

LET'S KEEP HEADING SOUTH.

I SEE... WE FINISHED FASTER THAN I THOUGHT WE WOULD.

THIS AREA IS CLOSE TO THE WALL. THERE WON'T BE ANY PEOPLE LIVING AROUND HERE.

C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP

C-CLOP

C-CLOP C-CLOP

C-CLOP

...WHY ?

THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY PEOPLE FARTHER SOUTH.

WE'LL RIDE ALONG-SIDE IT FROM THE WEST AND HAVE A LOOK.

WE HAVE TO DETERMINE WHERE THE WALL WAS BREACHED...

CLOP

IT'D BE FASTER THAN LETTING SOUTH TEAM DO IT ALONE.

ANYWHERE FARTHER SOUTH SHOULD BE CRAWLING WITH TITANS... IT'S HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT WE'D END UP AS **SNACKS.**

...YOU KNOW THAT KRISTA AND I DON'T HAVE OUR COMBAT GEAR, RIGHT?

CLOP CLOP

CLOP CLOP

...PULL BACK FROM THE FRONT LINES FOR NOW.

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

PLEASE LET KRISTA AND ME...

NO.

YMIR ?!

...

CLOP

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BUT...

I WANT TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE MESSEN-GER READY TO GO.

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT COULD HAPPEN.

...

EVERYTHING'S RIDING ON THIS EARLY RESPONSE MISSION...

SINCE YOU CHOSE TO BE SOLDIERS, YOU NEED TO BE PREPARED.

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BUT ...

I MEAN... I DECIDED TO JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS ON MY OWN.

YMIR... I WANT TO STAY HERE AND DO EVERYTHING I CAN.

ARE YOU SAYING I JOINED FOR YOUR SAKE?!

HUH ?!

BE-CAUSE WHAT ?!

BACK THEN... YOU CHOSE THE SURVEY CORPS...

BE-CAUSE I...

YOU DIDN'T, RIGHT?

C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A REASON, THEN JUST START RUNNING...

THEN WHY ARE YOU HERE RIGHT NOW?

C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DID IT, BUT...

ASK ANYONE AND THEY'D HAVE SAID THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE INSTEAD...

I KNEW... THERE WAS NO WAY I SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN THE TOP TEN OF OUR CLASS...

WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT MUCH FOR ME?

WHY...

OR MAYBE YOU EVEN TRIED TO GIVE ME YOUR SPOT...

MAYBE IT WAS YOU CONSTANTLY PUSHING ME TO GO INTO THE MILITARY POLICE...

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...SOME-THING TO DO WITH MY FAMILY?

DOES IT HAVE ...

BUT KRISTA... DON'T WORRY.

IT DOES.

YEAH.

...FOR MY OWN SAKE.

I'M HERE ENTIRELY...

...ALL RIGHT.

GOOD...

CLOP

CLOP CLOP CLOP

CLOP CLOP CLOP

CLOP CLOP

CLOP

SOUTH TEAM

C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP

NINE HOURS AFTER THE TITANS WERE SPOTTED

CALM DOWN !!

C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP

CONNIE, WAIT!!

FALL BACK FOR NOW!

THERE COULD BE TITANS ANY-WHERE!

C-CLOP

ISN'T THERE ANYONE HERE...?!

C-CLOP

ANYONE ...!

C-CLOP

C-CLOP

IT CAN'T BE...

C-CLOP

I'VE COME BACK !!

IT'S ME!

CONNIE!!

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TH-THUMP

TH-THUMP

TH-THUMP

MARTIN ...

SUNNY ...

MOM...

DAD...

MY HOUSE ...!

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I...
IT'S...
MY
HOUSE
...

MY...

GRASP

CONNIE!
FALL
BACK!!

KEEP AN EYE ON OUR SUR-ROUND-INGS!!

SHINK

YOU TWO, FALL BACK !!

C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP

C-CLOP C-CLOP

C-CLOP C-CLOP

C-CLOP C-CLOP

C-CLOP C-CLOP

WAIT... THIS THING'S ...

...?

B... BUT THEN ...

...

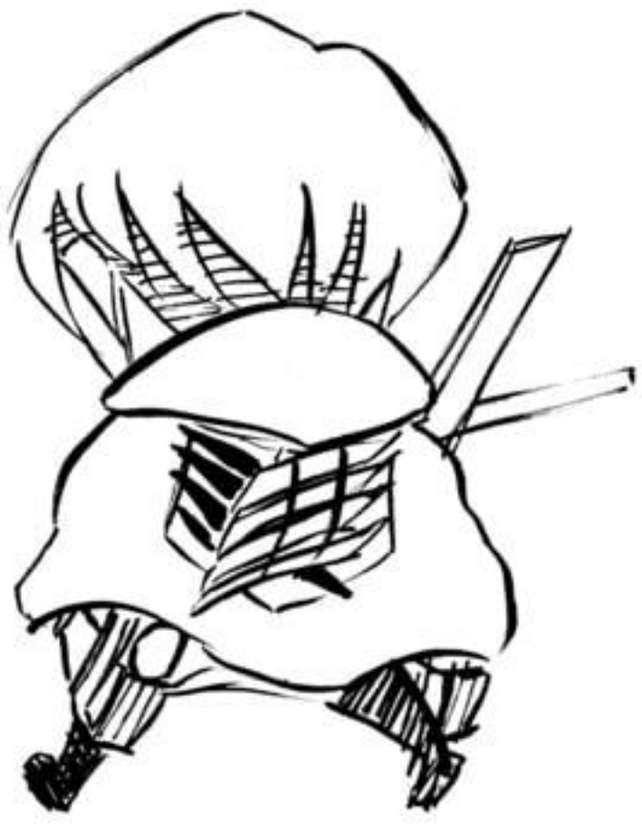
WITH THOSE LIMBS... THERE'S NO WAY IT COULD!

IT CAN'T MOVE ?!

...GET HERE?!

WHOOOOOSH

HOW DID IT...



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